Part-time job by IAF personnel

*296. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) has received information that its officers and other personnel are engaging themselves in part-time jobs/private enterprises that has caused severe threat to the national security; and

(b) is so, whether his Ministry has taken any action against the erring IAF officers and personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) A few complaints have been received by Air Force regarding its personnel engaging themselves in private business. Indian Air Force has examined the complaints and found that none of the cases cause any threat to national security.

In each case action has been taken by the Indian Air Force as per laid down procedure.

EGM to fast track road projects

*297. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers to fast track infrastructure projects, especially in road sector;

(b) if so, whether it will look into the ironing out of all inter-ministerial issues related to financing of infrastructure projects, especially those related to banks and Reserve Bank of India;

(c) whether with a national target to build 20 kms. of roads a day, the setting up of such a group by Government was an urgent need; and

(d) if so, by when this group will give final recommendations and by when the work on the projects is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) While accepting the recommendations of B.K. Chaturvedi Committee Report on NHDP, Government has approved setting up of an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) comprising Finance Minister, Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission.

(b) The EGOM has been set up to consider the financing plan for NHDP for 2010-11 onwards for further action, including such changes to the work plan as may become necessary. The EGOM will also consider and take decision on all issues where there is no unanimity in committees at the level of officers and which do not require approval of the Cabinet/CCI.

(c) EGOM was set up by the Government with a view to resolve the procedural and financial impediments to the implementation of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and improve the road sector infrastructure expeditiously.

(d) EGOM is likely to deliberate on the Financing Plan for NHDP, including such changes to the work plan, as may become necessary and complete its task at the earliest. There is no fixed time frame for the EGOM for giving its recommendations. As per the Work Plan for 2009-10, the work is already going on in full swing and for the year 2010-11 onwards, once the Financing Plan is finalized by EGOM, all the necessary activities such as preparation of the Feasibility report, Detailed Project Report (DPR) etc. shall be finalized to arrive at the Work Plans for future much before the beginning of the next Financial Year.

Road linkages for DMIC

*298. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has taken decision to develop road linkages for Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) along the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has also submitted a proposal for the development of various infrastructure linkages for overall development of DMIC; and

(d) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government of India accorded 'in-principle' approval to the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project outline in August, 2007 covering the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The project envisages *inter-alia* Project Development Work for implementation through Public Private Partnership of world class infrastructure in the region including road transport connectivity. A Special Purpose Vehicle named DMIC Development Corporation (DMICDC) was incorporated in January, 2008 and the Corporation has appointed an International Consultant for preparation of Detailed Perspective Plan for overall DMIC Region with pre-feasibility studies which includes road linkages to be developed in the region. DMICDC has also awarded the work of preparation of Development Plan of Ahmedabad-Dholera Investment Region in Gujarat, Pitampura-Dhar-Mhow Investment Region in Madhya Pradesh and Manesar-Bawal Investment Region in Haryana. The Process for taking up the Development Plan for Investment Regions in Rajasthan and Maharashtra have also been initiated. A Total of 24 early bird infrastructure projects have also been finalized - four each for the states Sf Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, seven for Maharashtra and five for Rajasthan.